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HCPH to Begin Administering Free COVID-19 2nd Booster Doses to Residents
HCPH to Revamp Vacstrac System to include 2nd Booster Dose Appointment Scheduling

Houston – Harris County Public Health (HCPH) will begin administering the 2nd booster dose of Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines across all vaccination sites to eligible residents effective immediately. On March 29th, the FDA authorized a 2nd booster dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for older people and certain immunosuppressed individuals.

Following the FDA’s announcement and the [CDC’s recommendation statement](#), Harris County Public Health has adopted the following COVID-19 guidelines.

- Residents 50 years of age and older who are **not** moderately or severely immunocompromised may receive a Pfizer or Moderna 2nd booster dose at least 4 months after receipt of their first booster dose.
- A 2nd booster dose of the **Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine** may be administered to certain immunocompromised individuals **12 years of age** and older at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose.
- A 2nd booster dose of the **Moderna COVID-19 vaccine** may be administered to certain immunocompromised individuals **18 years of age** and older at least 4 months after the first booster dose.
- Additionally, adults 18-49 years of age who are **not** moderately to severely immunocompromised and received a **Johnson & Johnson COVID-19** primary dose and booster dose at least 4 months ago may now receive a 2nd booster dose using mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. (*Pfizer or Moderna only*)

All COVID-19 vaccines are free to the community and walk-ins are accepted across all county vaccination sites. Residents can register for their COVID-19 vaccine or booster doses by calling **832-927-8787** or visiting [HCPH’s vaccine registration page](#).

HCPH urges all residents to do their part during the COVID-19 pandemic and continue COVID-19 best practices. This includes getting a vaccination and getting tested if you experience symptoms to best protect yourself and others.

HCPH is the local public health agency for the Harris County, Texas jurisdiction. It provides a wide variety of public health activities and services aimed at improving the health and well-being of the Harris County community.

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